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SUBJ: US POLICY AS INTERPRETED BY CLAUDE MONNIER, JOURNAL  
DE GENEVA: "JAPAN, OR WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US TOMORROW"

1. THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED UNDER SUBJECT  
HEADLINE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE JOURNAL DE  
GENEVE, AND THE GAZETTE DE LAUSANNE. THE JOURNAL  
HAS THE EIGHTH LARGEST CIRCULATION IN SWITZERLAND  
AND DESCRIBES ITSELF AS QTE LIBERAL UNQUOTE.

2. BEGIN QTE (EXCERPTS).....IT IS ONLY NECESSARY  
TO READ BETWEEN THE LINES OF THE COMMUNIQUE TO  
SEE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE NEW AMERICAN PRESIDENT  
MAKES THE JAPANESE DANCE TO HIS TUNE. HOW CAN WE  
EUROPEANS BE INDIFFERENT WHEN THE RISK OF A  
SIMILAR MISHAP IS SO STRONG?..... IN THE FIRST  
PLACE THE JAPANESE MUST IN FUTURE PLAY A MORE  
IMPORTANT POLITICAL ROLE IN THE WORLD, IT  
BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE US WILL MAINTAIN  
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THEIR PRESENCE, ACCORDING TO THEM, IN  
A BALANCED AND FLEXIBLE WAY, IN THE PACIFIC.

3. ....IF ONE REMEMBERS THAT JAPAN HAS DONE  
EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS  
TO AVOID ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY IN ASIA IN  
ORDER NOT TO REAWAKEN THE BLOODY MEMORIES

OF THE YEARS OF JAPANESE EXPANSION AMONG ITS  
NEIGHBORS, ONE UNDERSTANDS WHAT THE INJUNCTION  
OF JIMMY CARTER SIGNIFIES: WE AMERICANS  
WILL SUPERVISE THE AREA AND WILL INTERVENE IF  
WE MUST, BUT THE JAPANESE WILL ASSURE ITS  
BASIC DAILY SECURITY FOLLOWING THE STRATEGIC  
POLICIES THAT WE INDICATE TO YOU.

4. ....ONE KNOWS THAT THE PRESIDENT EXPECTS  
WEST GERMANY AND JAPAN TO SHARE WITH THE US  
THE RATHER HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RECOVERY  
OF THE ECONOMIES OF THE WESTERN WORLD. ONCE  
MORE FUDUDA HAD TO PROMISE. HE CONFIRMED  
THAT JAPANESE GNP WILL GROW 6.7 PERCENT DURING  
1977. IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT IN PLAYING THE  
ROLE OF ECONOMIC LOCOMOTIVE ASSIGNED BY THE US,  
JAPAN MUST NOT ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE BY INCREASING  
ITS EXPORTS, BUT RATHER BY INCREASING INTERNAL  
DEMAND AND THUS ITS IMPORTS. IT MUST IN  
TRUTH BE SAID THAT MANY JAPANESE ECONOMISTS  
VIEW THIS PROMISE OF MR FUKUDA AS ONE WHICH CANNOT BE KEPT.

5. ....MR CARTER HAS DECIDED TO LIMIT THE  
RISK OF PROLIFERATION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS, I.E.,  
TO PREVENT NEW COUNTRIES FROM CONSTRUCTING  
FACILITIES FOR THE TREATMENT OF NUCLEAR  
MATERIALS. JAPAN, FOR WHICH THE SUPPLY OF  
ENERGY IS AT THE MOMENT AT THE MERCY OF THE  
OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, HAS BEGUN, IN ORDER  
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TO ESCAPE THEIR PRESSURE, A LARGE NUCLEAR  
PROGRAM. BUT THE US TODAY ASKS THAT THEY  
ABANDON THE PROJECT OF BUILDING A NUCLEAR  
TREATMENT FACILITY. IN JAPAN THE NATIONALIST  
REACTION CAME QUICKLY. THE TRADITIONAL OPPONENTS TO  
NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS AND ALL POLITICAL PARTIES NOW  
SUPPORT THE NUCLEAR PLANS OF THE FUKUDA GOVT.

6. ....ONE CAN TURN THESE FACTS OVER AND  
EXAMINE THEM AS ONE WISHES. BUT NEVER SINCE  
THE OCCUPATION HAS AMERICAN INFLUENCE IN JAPAN  
BEEN SO CLEAR AS IT IS TODAY. JAPAN, AN  
ECONOMIC GIANT, IS COMPELLED TO GO ALONG. IT  
WILL SUFFER THIS IN ORDER TO PREVENT AN ATTACK  
ON ITS SOURCE OF STRENGTH, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT  
THE US CLOSE PART OF ITS MARKET TO JAPAN.

7. .... IN ANY CASE, AMERICAN WOULD BE WELL  
ADVISED NOT TO EXAGGERATE ITS VIRTUOUS INFLEXIBILITY,

ITS MORALITY CLOSED TO ALL FORMS OF COMPROMISE. IT WILL  
FINISH BY HAVING NO FRIENDS, ONLY SUBJECT ALLIES FULL OF  
HATE. END QTE. DAVIS

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